A LIFE OF SERVICE AND COURAGE—A TRIBUTE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a young man from my district who exemplified great courage while serving his country. Army Spc. Jason Chappell was fatally wounded 2 weeks ago in Iraq when a suicide bomber hit his vehicle.

Chappell displayed his extraordinary commitment to fight for freedom and justice. Freedom and justice are the building blocks of democracy, and these values are the heartbeat of all our soldiers who fight for our country every day.

Chappell's wife, Stephanie, reflects on her husband's kind nature by describing him as an "angel" who "wanted nothing more than to help other people."

Specialist Chappell served in the Army's 1st Cavalry Division's Company B in Fort Hood, Texas. He is remembered by his family as one who was devoted to family and country and dedicated to the causes of justice, freedom, and peace.

He lived an extraordinary life, rich with love, laughter, and pride. As a Member of Congress, I rise today to acknowledge Specialist Chappell and his family for his sacrifice and service to the cause of freedom and the war against terror.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jason Chappell's wife and family. May you be strengthened and comforted in this challenging time

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1385, BREAST CANCER STAMP EXTENSION

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor and in strong support of H.R. 1385, which extends the authorization of a special postage stamp to benefit breast can-

Since its introduction in July 1998, the Breast Cancer Stamp has provided the American people with a way to directly support breast cancer research. The stamp carries a seven cent surcharge, which goes directly to the life-saving research efforts of the National Cancer Institute and the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program. The American people have demonstrated that they care about this research by purchasing over 430 million stamps. That's a direct, voluntary

cer research.

one stamp at a time.

The American public has opened their hearts to women everywhere by acknowledging that breast cancer is a disease which can affect all of our families. Indeed, more than 2 million women in the United States have been diagnosed and treated for breast cancer. One in eight women will develop breast cancer during her lifetime, and 40,000 American women will die from the disease this year. Breast cancer is an issue that we should

contribution of over \$30 million to this cause,

all care about, particularly since women from every State, of every ethnic and economic background are diagnosed and treated for the disease every year.

In my home State of Illinois, researchers estimate that over 10,000 women will develop breast cancer during the coming year. Their lives depend on early detection and early, effective treatment. When Americans send letters and cards using the Breast Cancer Stamp, they aren't just showing that they've contributed to the cause of research. They are reminding their friends and loved ones about the importance of self examination and mammograms. They are promoting vigilance, awareness, and involvement in the fight against breast cancer. They are showing that increased awareness makes a considerable difference for every woman diagnosed with breast cancer.

The American people have shown they recognize the necessity of investment in breast cancer research through their continued purchase of these stamps, and I urge my colleagues to support the reauthorization of this program. I also remind my colleagues that there is still work to be done.

Along with this bill, I am proud to have cosponsored six other breast cancer related bills which currently await further action in this Congress. Among them are proposals to provide funding and authorization for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to expand research on environmental and agerelated factors in breast cancer prevalence, authorization of additional funding to the National Institute of Health for early detection and prevention programs, and legislation to require private health insurance plans to provide coverage for minimum hospital stays for major breast cancer-related surgery. I ask my colleagues to honor the spirit of the millions of citizens who made the Breast Cancer Stamp a success, by pledging your support to these potentially life-saving measures still awaiting action.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from California for introducing this important legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 1385.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CONGRESSMAN JAMES M. HANLEY

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to former Congressman James M. Hanley. Mr. Hanley, who died earlier this month, served eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1965 to 1981. At his retirement at the conclusion of the 96th Congress, he was chairman of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

I have been fortunate to know Congressman Hanley throughout my life, as he was a resident of the same Tipperary Hill neighborhood in Syracuse, NY, in which I grew up. A graduate of St. Lucy's Academy in Syracuse and a veteran of World War II, Congressman Hanley won an upset election for Congress in 1964 based upon his reputation as an active community leader and successful businessman.

Mr. Hanley translated the keys to his business success as a local funeral director into his Congressional office operations, attending to personal details and providing timely response to constituent requests. He was a thoughtful and gracious man who actively legislated on behalf of the best interests of the people he served.

After his retirement, the Federal office building in downtown Syracuse was named James M. Hanley Federal Building by this institution in his honor. On behalf of the people of the central New York district he represented, I extend our deepest sympathies and thanks to his wife Rita, son Peter, daughter Christine, four grandchildren, and great-grandson.

Mr. Speaker, I also respectfully request that remarks made during the Hon. James M. Hanley funeral at St. Patrick's Church in Syracuse, NY, be embodied into the RECORD. Remarks were spoken by John Mahoney, former Chief of Staff to the late Representative James M. Hanley:

Thirty years or so ago, after a tough redistricting, Jim ended up with a Congressional seat that ran from Oswego County to the Pennsylvania border. It was so politically lopsided, even the cows were enrolled Republicans.

The campaign was brutal—16 to 20 hours a day.

On one particular day, we started off about 6:00 a.m. at the gates of Crouse Hinds, shaking hands with both the graveyard shift coming off duty and the first shift going on.

During the course of the morning, Jim did a radio talk show in Syracuse, then went to a neighborhood coffee klatch in Cazenovia, spoke at a service club luncheon in Norwich, and met with a farm group outside Deposit. We then drove back up to Oxford for a Dinner, and about 10:00 headed back toward Syracuse—because we had to be at another plant gate at 6:15 in the morning.

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Somewhere outside of Sherburne, I found myself nodding behind the wheel. Since there were just the two of us, and Jim was almost asleep already, I said "I've got to stop for coffee or we'll end up in a ditch, and some farmer will find us after the last snow in March."

As we sat at a semi-circular counter—I with my eyes at half-mast, and Jim with his jaw only an inch or so off the counter—I caught a glint of recognition in the eye of a truck driver across from us. He sat there stirring his coffee and stared at Jim's bedraggled appearance. Finally he said, "There must be some benefit to that business that I JUST CAN'T SEE."

The mysterious benefit that he couldn't see was the very benefit that I knew drove Jim Hanley. It was the opportunity to serve others: the ability to stand up for the little

Jim, who was a bread-and-butter liberal of the old school, saw a unique beauty in the people who were up against the odds: the impoverished veteran; the kid from the ghetto who had two strikes against him before he was seven; the widow trying to survive on Social Security; the abused family; the breadwinner broken by unemployment; the farmer driven to the wall by corporate agribusiness.

He knew that the comfortable and the connected would always be able to fend for themselves. But what about those who were merely guests in the world of the "haves?" They needed an empathetic voice.

Jim was a simple man with a knack for unraveling the complicated; he was a patient man who was never very patient when it came to the plight of the have-nots; he was a patriotic man who wore his patriotism in